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FOR DEPT AND USUN: DELIVER AT 0830 APR 20

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SC MEETING ON BEIRUT RAID

REF: STATE 74568

1. AMBASSADOR CONVEYED POSITION DESCRIBED REFTEL IN DETAIL TO FONMIN AT 0830 LOCAL, PRIOR TO SEEING PRESIDENT. FONMIN REACTED POSITIVELY TO SUGGESTIONS, ALTHOUGH HE WAS QUITE SURPRISED SINCE HE HAD BEEN TOLD FROM NEW YORK THAT USG HAD REACHED AGREEMENT WITH UK AND FRANCE NOT RPT NOT TO VETO. AMB INFORMED HIM USG DECISION TO VETO PRESENT TEXT IS ABSOLUTELY FIRM, AND THAT WE HAD ALREADY NOTIFIED OTHER SC MEMBERS OF THIS. TO AVOID SUCH TRAGIC OUTCOME, AMB URGED THAT GOL SEEK UK AND FRENCH ACCEPTANCE OUR AMENDMENTS AND IF THIS FAILS, TO PROPOSE ADJOURNMENT OF SC (STATE 74345).

2. AT 0930 AMB SAW PRES FRANGIE AND EXPLAINED TO HIM PRESENT SITUATION AT UNITED NATIONS, OUR STRONG DESIRE NOT PART COMPANY WITH GOL AND VETO SC RES, AND HOW WE THOUGHT SITUATION COULD BE RETRIEVED. FRANGIE SAID HE THOUGHT US WOULD PAY HIGH POLITICAL PRICE AND GAIN NOTHING BY VETO BUT FULLY AGREED ON
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IMPORTANCE AVOIDING IT. HE SAID HE WOULD ENDORSE WHATEVER FONMIN RECOMMENDED IN ORDER ACCOMPLISH THIS.

3. IMMEDIATELY AFTER LEAVING PRES, AMB AGAIN CALLED FONMIN ABOUT HAMAD. FONMIN SAID HE HAD ALREADY TALKED TOGHORRA AND GIVEN HIM FOLTOWING INSTRUCTIONS: (A) CONTACT UK AND FRANCE, TELL THEM USG VETO 100 PERCENT CERTAIN IF DRAFT REMAINS AS PRESENTED AND TELL THEM GOL WISHES AVOID USG VETO; (B) ASK THEM TO CONTACT SCALI IN EFFORT REACH AGREEMENT ON TEXT USG WILL NOT VETO; AND (C) TELL THEM THAT IF AGREEMENT CANNOT BE REACHED SO AS TO AVOID USG VETO, GOL WOULD WISH TO HAVE SC PRES MAKE STATEMENT SUMMING UP DEBATE AND EFFORTS AGREE ON RES WHICH COULD BE ADOPTED, AND THEN PROPOSE THAT SC ADJOURN DEBATE USING EXCUSE THAT FURTHER EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE FIND AGREED TEXT. (ABOUT HAMAD SAID THAT THIS WOULD HAVE SAME EFFECT AS SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT SINCE GOL WOULD DROP ENTIRE QUESTION, BUT THAT SUGGESTION OF ADJOURNMENT FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS MUCH EASIER TO SELL POLITICALLY THAN FORMAL SINE DIE PROPOSAL.

4. AMB STRESSED AGAIN AND AGAIN IMPORTANCE OF DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO AVOID VETO SITUATION. AMB ALSO SUGGESTED THAT ABOUT HAMAD CALL BRITISH AND FRANCH AMBASSADORS HERE RIGHT AWAY TO EXPLAIN THAT GOL WISHES AVOID VETO AND WHAT IT PROPOSES TO DO THIS END. HE PROMISED TO DO SO.
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